MATTANCHERI-CHELLANAM ROAD—ALLOTMENT FOR—DIVERSION OF

401. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) what is the amount of money allotted to be spent in 1115 for the Mattancheri-Chellanam road;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to consider the benefit of diverting a portion of this money, for keeping the waterway between Chellanam and Mattancheri northern end in better sanitary condition?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Rs. 6,000.

(*b*) The allotment available for the work is scarcely adequate. The question of diverting funds from the allotment to other works cannot therefore be considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has this 6,000 rupees been spent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it to be spent on that particular road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This Rs. 6,000 is included in the programme of road construction work and we cannot divert it.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* What is the objection?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is a special grant given by Government for road works. It cannot be diverted for canals. The question of how to spend that amount has not been decided.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I understand that the Mattancheri-Chellanam road is not going to be taken up. If that amount is available and is not to be utilised for other roads, cannot the Government divert it for canals?

Mr. President: You do not seem to understand the position. It is a non-transferable grant of the Board. They will decide to what other roads it should be diverted.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to find some money for this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be considered.

CHOWWARA—LEVEL CROSSING NEAR RAILWAY STATION

402. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that a portion of K. 5. Chowwara village lies on the western side of the railway line; that the only possible means for people to get to that area is by trespassing the railway premises;

(*b*) whether they will be good enough to take early steps to have a level crossing put up, say at the northern extremity of the platform, to enable pedestrians and cattle to pass the railway line?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Yes, but the portion of Cochin territory lying to the west of the railway line is very small, comprising an area of 42·31 acres and a population of 50.

(*b*) Government do not consider it necessary to provide a level crossing, as the importance of the place and the population of the State that would be benefitted do not justify the expenditure involved.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Are the Government aware that people living in this side of the railway have to cross to the other side and that there is no other way? Can anything be done to avoid this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We will look into that matter.

LEPER CLINIC AT MULANTHURUTHI

403. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposed leper clinic for Mulanthuruthi will be opened, and if so, when?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The leper clinic at Mulanthuruthi has been opened since the 8th Vrischigam 1115.

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